Casualty/Fatality Notification

Clarity About Terms

- Casualty = an injury of any type (serious or non-serious)

- Fatality = soldier pronounced dead and confirmed by Battalion Commander

Casualty

- I will confirm ALL information with LTC Johnson
- You will receive a phone call from me
- Unless it is a negligible injury, you will be visited by myself, your Rear Detachment NCO, and your FRG Representative
- Every effort will be made to put you in touch with your spouse

Fatality

- I will confirm ALL information with LTC Johnson
  - Do not accept any information except from me
- You WILL NOT receive a phone call
- You will be visited in person by myself, your Rear Detachment NCO, your FRG Representative, and the Division Chaplain

  *** we need to know where you are ***

- A Casualty Assistance Officer will assist you during the following days

REDLINE Message

- Def: a 3-505 PIR official statement (phone/email) that is disseminated to the battalion families to confirm facts and eliminate rumors
- A REDLINE Message will go out if a 3-505 soldier is injured or killed in theater ONLY AFTER the Next of Kin have been notified
- Remember: you will be notified if your spouse is involved
- No notice will be given for events in other units
  - Please do not call the battalion every time an injured soldier makes the news

REDLINE Example

- “A soldier from Task Force 3-505 was injured in Iraq last night. He broke his arm when the vehicle he was riding in rolled into a ditch. He is in stable condition and will return to duty. The Next of Kin have been already been notified. There were no other casualties or fatalities.”